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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Psychological and Paramilitary Staff

SUBJECT: Status of Project DTLINEN

REFERENCE: Memorandum from C/PP to C/EE, dated 17 October 1958,
Subject: DTLINEN Annual Review

1. As you are aware from recent cable traffic, it has been decided to terminate the DTLINEN organization, effective 31 May 1959. This decision was made in coordination with the Federal Republic All-German Affairs Ministry and the West Berlin Senator for the Interior.

2. Although it is anticipated that the organizational dissolution will have been accomplished by the 31 May 1959 deadline, considerable additional time will be needed to work out the equitable termination of project personnel and the disposition of the project's physical assets.

3. Insofar as finances are concerned, it is anticipated that the termination of project personnel and the liquidation of other legal obligations will require the expenditure of all funds remaining in the FY 1959 project budget, plus approximately during the first several months of FY 1960. The EE Division FY 1960 Operational Program makes provision for this sum.

4. The only DTLINEN asset we are preserving for subsequent CIA utilization is the former DTLINEN zonal-border balloon team. To give it organizational backstopping after the termination of the DTLINEN organization, this balloon team has been attached to the AEVIRGIL balloon team temporarily. Its future organizational status is now being worked out in coordination with the Federal Republic All-German Affairs Ministry. Until this problem has been resolved, the former DTLINEN balloon team will be funded from the balance of the FY 1959 DTLINEN budget and, thereafter, from a portion of the above budgeted for FY 1960.

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5. A final termination report, as required by CSI 230-63, will be forwarded to you once all termination proceedings have been accomplished and as soon thereafter as the Field has transmitted the requisite data.

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CONCUR: EE

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cc EE/COP/PP

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